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SUBJECT: OVERSEAS MARKETING RESEARCH SEMINAR ABIDJAN:

VISA FOR SOUTH AFRICA

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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT PROBABLE THAT SOUTH AFRICAN FSL DESCRIBED REFTEL WOULD BE ACCORDED IVORY COAST VISA. IN ADDITION TO PERIODIC OFFICIAL SOUTH AFRICAN VISITORS TO IVORY COAST IN PURSUIT OF DIALOGUE POLICY, EMBASSY KNOWS OF OCCASIONAL VISITS BY PRIVATE SOUTH AFRICAN INDIVIDUALS, MOST RECENT BEING WILF NUSSEY OF ARGUS NEWS SERVICE. AT SAME TIME, GOIC APPARENTLY DID REFUSE REQUEST FOR CHARTER PLANELOAD OF WHITE SOUTH AFRICAN TOURISTS LAST YEAR TO HOLIDAY AT IVORIAN BEACH RESORT. ON BALANCE, HOWEVER, FACT THAT FSL IS US GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE COMING TO OFFICIAL CONFERENCE WOULD MAKE IT VERY LIKELY HE WOULD RECEIVE VISA.

2. SUGGEST APPROACH BE MADE ROUTINELY THROUGH FRENCH CONSULATE JOHANNESBURG. IF SNAGS DEVELOP, EMBASSY WOULD BE HAPPY TO MAKE INQUIRIES THIS END.

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